

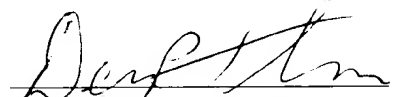
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In the Office Action under reply, the Examiner has withdrawn all rejections made in the prior Office Action; but has maintained an objection based on restricting R¹ to the oxazolylic heterocycles. Although it is Applicants' position that continuance of such restriction requirement is contrary to law and Patent Office procedure, in a sincere effort to advance the prosecution of the present case, Applicants have now amended claim 1 to restrict the genus at R¹ as required by the Examiner. Claims 3 and 4 have been canceled as directed to restricted or redundant subject matter. The pending claims as amended are therefore now believed to be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Withdrawal of the outstanding objection and allowance of claims 1, 5-63, 65-67, 69-72 and 74 as amended is respectfully requested.

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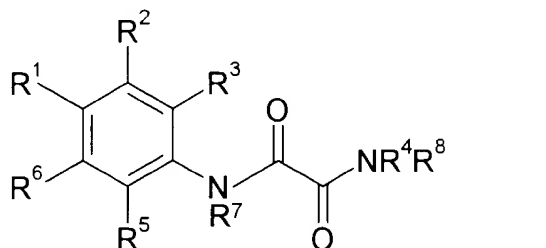
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VERSION MARKED TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

1.(Amended) A compound of the formula



wherein

R¹ represents an ~~oxazolyl~~five-membered heterocycle with one to three heteroatoms selected from ~~nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur~~;

R² represents hydrogen, unsubstituted lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, halo, hydroxy or cyano;

R³ represents hydrogen, unsubstituted lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, halo, or cyano;

R⁴ represents hydrogen, or unsubstituted lower alkyl;

R⁵ represents hydrogen, unsubstituted lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, halo, or cyano;

R⁶ represents hydrogen, unsubstituted lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, halo, or cyano;

R⁷ represents hydrogen, or unsubstituted lower alkyl;

R⁸ represents hydrogen, lower alkyl, lower cycloalkyl, aryl, or heterocyclyl;

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

Claims 3 and 4 have been canceled.

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